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1. Ceylon graphite, 98 percent carbon, is of high strategic value, having been used largely to make brushes for aircraft generators during World War II.
2. Several countries and companies are interested in this item:
  - a) In the spring of 1949 the Soviet Union, which had previously bought Ceylon graphite, was said to have a trade mission in Colombo.

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\* [redacted] Comment. It was thought that this fact might cause Soviet purchases of the Ceylon graphite to diminish in the future.

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